

*[English]***Canal from Sankosh River**

3273. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal for construction of canal from Sankosh river to Ganges in West Bengal has been received for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether clearance to the said proposal has been accorded; and

(d) if not, the time by which it is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) A proposal for construction of Canal from Sankosh river to Ganges in West Bengal as a part of Sankosh project was considered. It was decided that since survey and investigation themselves could cause disturbance to the environment, the Ministry of Environment and Forests will make assessment with a multi-disciplinary team. After the multi-disciplinary team submits its Report, a decision on survey and investigation will be taken. As such, no proposal for environment clearance has been received.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Minority Commission in Andhra Pradesh

3274. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to states:

(a) whether concurrence of the Union Government about the Andhra Pradesh Minority Commission in still withheld;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to expedite the same?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c) Concurrence has already been given to the introduction of Andhra Pradesh Minorities Commission Bill, 1996 subject to the decision with regard to the definition of "minority" in the 11 member Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Disrespect to National Flag

3275. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsi Cola has insulted the National Flag in an advertisement during Pepsi Independence Cricket series;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

(c) whether any case has been filed against the company under Prevention of Discretion of National Emblem and Monument Act, 1971; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) No such case has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) There is no enactment called Prevention of Discretion of National Emblem and Monument Act, 1971.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Allocation of Fund to Agricultural Universities

3276. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government encourage the Agriculture Universities in the research works to evolve the hybrids of various crops as well as economic and eco-friendly technologies;

(b) if so, the accomplishments made in this regard during the last three years; and

(c) the funds allocated to each of the Agriculture Universities for this purpose during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following achievements have been made:—

1. The hybrid developed and recommended during last three years in different crops are given in Statement-I enclosed.
2. In Rice after China, India is the only country to commercialise hybrid rice which presently covers about 60,000 hectares area.
3. Hybrid Seed Production technologies of 9 crops (rice, maize sorghum, pearl-millet, sunflower, rapeseed mustard, castor, pigeonpea and cotton) have been developed and recommendations were made for effective seed production.

(c) The funds specifically and exclusively allocated for the purpose under the project on Promotion of Research and Development Efforts on Hybrids in Selected Crops and UNDP funded Hybrid Rice project are given in Statement-II enclosed.

Statement I*Hybrids developed during the last three years*

Sl. No.	Name of the Crop	Name of Hybrids
1	2	3
1.	Rice	APHR-1, APHR-2, KRH-1, DRRH-1, CNRH-3, MGR-1
2.	Maize	Deccan 109, SSM 510, KH 528, Paras, Dharwad Makka-1, Rajendra Makka-1, Rajendra Makka-2, Him 129, Prakash, KH 9451, MMH 69, JK 2492.
3.	Sorghum	CSH 14, CSH 13, CSH 15R, CSH 16
4.	Pearl Millet	Pusa 322, Pusa 444, Shardha, GHB 15, GHB 235, Deogiri, RHB 58,

Sl. No.	Name of the Crop	Name of Hybrids
		Ekmath-301, MLBH-104, HHB-68, MH 322, ICMH 356
5.	Sunflower	TNAUSUF 7, GAUSUF 15, PKVSH 27, Jwalamukhi
6.	Castor	DCH 30, DCH 32
7.	Rapeseed-Mustard	PGSH 51, Hyola-401
8.	Pigeonpea	PPH-4, COH-1, COH-2, AKPH 4104
9.	Cotton	JK Hy-2, CICR HH-2, Fateh, HHH-81, G. Cot. Hy 10, G. Cot. Hy 16, G. Cot. Hy 17, PKV Hy-3, DHB-105, Maruvikas, Omshanker, Surbhi

Statement II*Allocation of funds to Agricultural Universities during the last three years*

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Agricultural Universities	Allocation		
		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4	5
1.	APAU, Hyderabad	15.55	18.98	19.64
2.	RAU, Dholi	4.92	5.13	5.34
3.	GAU, Gujarat	13.14	13.72	14.27
4.	HAU, Hisar	19.79	20.78	21.63
5.	RAU, Bikaner	9.25	14.74	10.00
6.	TNAU, Coimbatore	18.38	19.34	19.04
7.	GBPUAT, Pantnagar	8.96	9.42	9.83
8.	NDUAT, Faizabad	8.81	10.68	11.14
9.	Mysore University	2.30	2.39	2.48
10.	UAS, Bangalore	15.40	16.05	16.67

1	2	3	4	5
11.	UAS, Dharwad	12.90	13.43	13.93
12.	JNKVV, Jabalpur	2.30	2.39	2.48
13.	PKV, Akola	9.28	9.83	10.26
14.	MPKV, Rahuri	10.79	5.24	5.44
15.	MAU, Parbhani	9.74	12.44	12.90
16.	KKV, Dapoli	6.28	2.34	2.48
17.	PAU, Ludhiana	25.68	26.74	27.78
18.	West Bengal (Chinsura)	4.05	2.34	4.78

Consumption of CFC

3277. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :
SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to State :

(a) the production of CFC II in the country during the last two years by various Indian Manufacturers and the quantity exported to other countries;

(b) the total consumption of CFC by projects approved by Government to switch over ozone busting chemicals;

(c) whether these approved projects are entitled for duty free imports of alternate ozone friendly material equivalent to quantity of CFC being used by them;

(d) whether the Government are aware that many of these projects inflated figures of consumption of CFC to have benefit of import of duty free alternate ozone friendly material;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government have taken adequate steps to verify the actual consumption of CFC material

being used by these projects against which they import duty free alternate ozone friendly material; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) The production and export of CFC II by various Indian manufacturers during the last two years is given below:

Name of manufacturer	1995 (in MT)		1996 (in MT)	
	Production	Export	Production	Export
1. M/s. Chemplast Sanmar Ltd., Chennai	251	97	448	374
2. M/s. Navin Fluorine Industries, Mumbai	1339	557	1608	796
3. M/s. Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd., Gujarat	2845	2291	3128	2287
4. M/s. SRF Limited, New Delhi	2173	1129	2098	1089
	6608	4074	7282	4546